

EXHIBIT A

Message

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Subject: RE: Motors - GUC Settlement (FRE 408)

All: I would like to see if can schedule an all hands call for tomorrow to finalize all of the settlement documentation and motions. This morning Ed Weisfelner and I had a call with Arthur Steinberg and an attorney from Kirkland giving them a heads up on the proposed settlement and our desire to have a chambers conference with Judge Glenn for some day next week. We committed to giving Steinberg and the Kirkland attorney a final set of the pleadings sufficiently in advance of a to be scheduled chambers conference. It seems to me we need a final call to finalize the documents so we can schedule that chambers conference. At this call please have the requisite people necessary to bind your respective clients. Please advise if 2 30 pm Eastern tomorrow works this call. If so, we can circulate a call in number.

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All – attached please find combined GDC/AG comments to the following:

1. Settlement Agreement
2. Settlement Order
3. Claims Estimate Order
4. 9019 Motion
5. Notice Motion
6. Long Form Notice
7. Cam Azari Declaration

We had no comments to the short form notice or Berman / Cabraser / Hilliard Declaration (the most recent versions have been reattached for the sake of completeness). Please note that we have been engaged in discussions with Lisa Norman who is counsel to the “Additional Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs,” and we understand that they are amenable to becoming signatories to the Settlement Agreement. Accordingly, the attached Settlement Agreement includes her firm as a PIWD Counsel. In addition, we understand from Akin that BR will be providing the back-up for the new cost of the Noticing Plan – please provide this document when possible.

Please note that the attached remains subject to the ongoing review and comment of our clients. Please let us know if you would like to discuss the attached.

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5. Notice Motion
6. Short Form Notice
7. Long Form Notice
8. Berman / Cabraser / Hilliard Declaration
9. Cam Azari Declaration

Please let us know where we are final, and any comments / anything you would like to discuss. Thanks.

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All – attached please find the following, each of which remains subject to the ongoing review and comment of our clients:

- A revised settlement agreement (new version incorporates the comments of GP and minor clean-ups);
- A revised settlement order (minor clean-ups);

- A revised claims estimate order (minor clean-ups);
- A revised long-form notice (slight changes);
- A revised short-form notice (slight changes);
- A revised Settlement Motion.

I believe that is all of the documents that GDC/AG held the pen on. I believe we are awaiting a return draft of the notice motion/order from you. Please let us know if you would like to discuss any of the attached.

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Please see attached updated notices (incorporating EL and PI comments) - cleans and blacklines from last GD / Akin circulation.

Happy to organize a page turn this afternoon or please send final comments / sign-off.

Leaving settlement agreement revisions per Bill's comments to GD. Thanks.

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Whoops. Items 3 and 4 resolve the EL / PIWD open issues with each other. Bill

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FRE 408

Hello All:

For the sake of good order, I want to repeat here the edits the PIWD Plaintiffs want made to the Settlement Agreement and the two forms of Notice (short and long). Items 2 and 3 under the heading "Settlement Agreement" resolve the gating issue between EL and PIWD and enables us to move ahead. EL has seen the language and it my understanding they have approved it.

Settlement Agreement:

1. Section 1.43. Please add the words "those certain" to the definition **PIWD Plaintiffs** means those certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs represented by PIWD Counsel. [This was done yesterday.]

2. Section 2.8. in the first sentence please add the underscored language as follows:
"Notwithstanding Sections 157(b)(2)(B) and (b)(2)(O) of Title 28, in connection with the Settlement Motion, to the extent (if any) consent is required, the Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs represented by PIWD Counsel consent to the Bankruptcy Court....."

3. Section 2.9(b). Add a new first sentence as follows: "Allocation of the Settlement Amount, the Adjustment Shares (or their value), and any other consideration contained in the Settlement Fund between the Plaintiffs asserting economic loss claims and the Plaintiffs asserting PIWD claims shall be determined and approved in the first instance by District Judge Furman or Magistrate Cote, as applicable."

4. Section 2.9(c). Add a new first sentence as follows: "Approval of the qualifications and criteria for Plaintiffs to be eligible to receive distributions from the Settlement Amount, the Adjustment Shares (or

their value), and any other consideration contained in the Settlement Fund shall be done by the Bankruptcy Court in the first instance.”

5. Section 2.9(c). Add new last sentence as follows: “Being defined as a Plaintiff does not assure any party that he, she, or it will receive a distribution from the Settlement Amount, the Adjustment Shares (or their value), or any other consideration contained in the Settlement Fund.”

Forms of Notice:

1. Please add to both the long and short form notices the following: “Being defined as an Affected Party does not assure you will receive a distribution from the Settlement Amount, the Adjustment Shares (or their value), or any other consideration contained in the Settlement Fund. Eligibility and criteria for payment will be approved by the Bankruptcy Court at a later date and will be subject to notice and an opportunity to object.”
2. Please be specific in the forms of Notice that the releases and waivers that are contemplated under the Settlement Agreement to go into effect upon entry of the Settlement Order, and the channeling of claims to the Settlement Fund and to any other settlement consideration that will be done as contemplated by the Waiver Provision, will be solely the function of entry of the Settlement Order. **[We have shared a mark-up of the Notices with Brown Rudnick in this regard. It is our understanding that Brown Rudnick is drafting revisions to the Notices that will be circulated shortly.]**

We are ready to move ahead, subject to acceptance of these points and our review of any additional changes to the documents.

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